

**THE MINUTES OF THE HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE
ON
GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS**

Tuesday, October 25, 2005

10:30 a.m.

Room 326 House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Government Operations was called to order by **Representative Leon Drolet**, Chair.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives Drolet, Hoogendyk, Gosselin, Garfield, Sheen, Tobocman, Lipsey and Lemmons, III.

MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED: None.

Representative Lemmons moved to adopt the minutes of the **October 18, 2005** meeting. The motion was supported by **Representative Garfield**. There being no objection, the motion carried by unanimous consent.

Chairman Drolet laid **HB 4648** and **HB 4649** before the committee:

HB 4648 Walker	Townships; ordinances; definition and regulation of wind energy systems; provide for.
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TESTIMONY

Representative Walker, sponsor of HB 4648 and HB 4649, explained his bills to the committee.

Audrey Keith, representing herself, testified in support of HB 4647, HB 4648 and HB 4649.

Dave Wendler, representing Midland Energy, submitted a card regarding HB 4647, HB 4648 and HB 4649. **Mr. Wendler** did not indicate his position on the bills nor did he wish to speak.

Arthur J. Fischer, representing the City of Midland, testified in support of HB 4647, HB 4648 and HB 4649.

Tom Hickson, representing the Michigan Association of Counties, testified in opposition to the bills.

David Gard, representing the Michigan Environmental Council, testified in support of HB 4647, HB 4648 and HB 4649.

Tom Frazier, representing the Michigan Township Association, testified in opposition to the bills.

Representative Gosselin moved to report **HB 4649** with recommendation. The motion was supported by **Representative Garfield**.

The motion prevailed by a vote of **6-0-2**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Drolet, Hoogendyk, Gosselin, Garfield, Sheen and Lemmons, III,
Nays: None,
Pass: Representatives Tobocman and Lipsey.

Representative Gosselin moved to report **HB 4648** with recommendation. The motion was supported by **Representative Garfield**.

The motion prevailed by a vote of **6-0-2**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Drolet, Hoogendyk, Gosselin, Garfield, Sheen and Lemmons, III,
Nays: None,
Pass: Representatives Tobocman and Lipsey.

Chairman Drolet laid **HB 4647** and **HR 55** before the committee:

HB 4647	Moolenaar	Single business tax; credit; production tax credit for wind energy from wind turbines; provide for.
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HR 55	Moolenaar	A resolution to memorialize the Congress of the United States to enact legislation to extend the production tax credit for wind power energy development.
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Representative Moolenaar, sponsor of HB 4647 and HR 55, explained his bill and resolution before the committee.

Peggy Johnson, Legislative Liaison for the Department of Treasury, testified in opposition of the HB 4647.

Mark Stadt, representing DTE Energy, submitted a card in support of HB 4647 and HR 55 and did not wish to speak.

Representative Gosselin moved to report **HB 4647** with recommendation. The motion was supported by **Representative Hoogendyk**.

The motion prevailed by a vote of **8-0-0**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Drolet, Hoogendyk, Gosselin, Garfield, Sheen, Tobocman, Lipsey and Lemmons, III,
Nays: None,
Pass: None.

Representative Sheen moved to report **HR 55** with recommendation. The motion was supported by **Representative Gosselin**.

The motion prevailed by a vote of **8-0-0**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Drolet, Hoogendyk, Gosselin, Garfield, Sheen, Tobocman, Lipsey and Lemmons, III,
Nays: None,
Pass: None.

Chairman Drolet laid **HB 5281** before the committee:

HB 5281	Gaffney	Drains; other; representation of communities on certain intercounty drainage boards; provide for.
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Representative Gaffney, sponsor of HB 5281, explained his bill before the committee.

Mayor Robert E. Novitke, representing the City of Grosse Pointe Woods, testified in support of the bill.

Mayor Ken Poynter, representing the City of Harper Woods, testified in support of the bill.

Kurt Heise, representing the Wayne County Drain Commission, testified in support of the bill.

Joe Colaianne, representing Oakland County Drain Commissioner John McCulloch, testified in opposition to the bill.

Patrick Lindemann, representing the Michigan Association of County Drain Commissioners, testified in opposition to the bill.

Geoffrey Seidlein, representing the Michigan Association of County Drain Commissioners, testified in opposition to the bill.

Jerry Griffin, representing Wayne County, submitted a card in support of the bill and did not wish to speak.

Liesl Clark, Legislative Liaison for the Michigan Department of Agriculture, submitted a card indicating neutrality to the bill with concerns and did not wish to speak.

Representative Lemmons, III moved to report **HB 5281** with recommendation. The motion was supported by **Representative Hoogendyk**.

The motion prevailed by a vote of **5-2-1**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Drolet, Hoogendyk, Sheen, Tobocman and Lemmons, III,
Nays: Representatives Garfield and Lipsey,
Pass: Representative Gosselin.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 12:04 p.m.

Representative Leon Drolet, Chair
House Standing Committee on Government Operations
Malika Abdur-Rashid
Committee Clerk
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1 Hour 34 Minutes